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FOR DAS BARRY FROM HELMAN

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SUBJECT: PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS WITH VENEZUELAN (NAMIBIA)

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1. REFTELS PROVIDE BASIC INFORMATION ON JULY 27 SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION ON NAMIBIA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT USUN IS ALSO SENDING OUT MESSAGE SUMMARIZING COUNCIL STATEMENTS BY OTHER REPS, INCLUDING VENEZUELAN. IN ESSENCE, VENEZUELAN STATEMENT WAS A LOW-KEY ENDORSEMENT OF CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL COMBINED WITH SOME FAMILIAR THIRD-WORLD RHETORIC ALSO DELIVERED IN LOW KEY, ON DECOLONIZATION ISSUES.

2. IN YOUR CONSULTATIONS IN CARACAS, WE SUGGEST YOU MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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A) WE WERE PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF JULY 27 COUNCIL SESSION, ALTHOUGH THE STATEMENTS BY NUJOMA, BOTHA AND OTHERS MADE CLEAR THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT HURDLES YET TO BE CLEARED;

B) THE FIRST KEY TEST WILL PROBABLY COME WHEN THE SECRETARY

GENERAL PRESENTS HIS REPORT TO THE COUNCIL IN TWO-THREE

WEEKS AND REQUESTS MANDATE. AT THAT TIME, WE ANTICIPATE MAJOR EFFORT LED BY SOVIETS WITH SUPPORT FROM SWAPO AND SOME AFRICANS TO INSERT ELEMENTS IN MANDATE WHICH WOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO SWAPO POSITION ON KEY ISSUES SUCH AS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SYG SPECIAL REP (AHTISAARI) AND SOUTH AFRICAN ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL (STEYN). YOU SHOULD POINT OUT TO VENEZUELAN THAT SUCCESS OF UNTAG WILL DEPEND UPON COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPECIAL REP AND ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL AND THAT WITHOUT SAG COOPERATION THE UNTAG OPERATION WILL BE SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZED. YOU SHOULD URGE THAT VENEZUELAN TAKE REALITIES OF SITUATION INTO ACCOUNT AND SUPPORT THE WESTERN CONTACT GROUP IN OBTAINING A MANDATE FOR THE SYG WHICH WILL ENABLE HIM TO PERFORM THE VERY DIFFICULT TASK HE FACES.

3. THE SOVIETS HAVE SERVED NOTICE THAT THEY DO NOT PLAN TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COSTS OF UNTAG. WE BELIEVE THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO MOVE THE SOVIETS OFF THIS POSITION PROVIDED ENOUGH COUNTRIES EXPRESS THEIR DIS-SATISFACTION.

4. LATEST INDICATIONS FROM NEW YORK ARE THAT THE UN SECRETARIAT PLANS TO SEND A TWO-MAN ADVANCE TEAM TO  
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NAMIBIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITH LARGER SURVEY TEAM HEADED BY AHTISAARI TO FOLLOW OR OR ABOUT AUGUST 5.

5. WE ARE PLANNING TO PROVIDE AIRLIFT (AND SEALIFT IF REQUIRED) FOR UNTAG, WHICH WILL TOTAL UPWARDS OF FIVE THOUSAND MILITARY AND CIVILIAN COMBINED.

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